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PER REFTEL, THE FOLLOWING IS THE REVISED PRESS RELEASE WE INTEND TO ISSUE ON MARCH 29:

U.S. CITRUS EXPERT TEAM TO VISIT JAPAN

WASHINGTON, MARCH 29, 1978 -- A TEAM OF U.S. CITRUS INDUSTRY EXPERTS LEAVES FOR TOKYO NEXT WEEK AS PART OF A BILATERAL EFFORT TO EXPAND TRADE WITH JAPAN, SECRETARY OF UNCLASSIFIED

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AGRICULTURE BOB BERGLAND AND SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS ROBERT S. STRAUSS ANNOUNCED TODAY. THIS UNDERTAKING IS TO FOLLOW-UP RECENT BILATERAL TRADE TALKS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND JAPAN WHICH RESULTED IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEASURES TO IMPROVE MARKET ACCESS IN JAPAN FOR FOREIGN GOODS IN A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS NOBUHIKO USHIBA AND AMBASSADOR

STRAUSS ON JANUARY 13.

THE U.S. CITRUS TEAM WILL BE IN TOKYO THE WEEK OF APRIL 2
AND WILL BE DISCUSSING THE EXPANSION OF CONSUMPTION AND

TRADE OF FRESH AND PROCESSED CITRUS PRODUCTS, INCLUDING JUICE BLENDING, WITH THEIR JAPANESE COUNTERPARTS. THIS U.S./JAPAN INTER-INDUSTRY CITRUS GROUP HAS BEEN TASKED TO "STUDY THE PRESENT STATE AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CITRUS SITUATION" AS WELL AS TO DISCUSS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF JAPAN'S AGREEMENT TO INCREASE THEIR ORANGE IMPORTS BY THREEFOLD TO 45,000 TONS AND THEIR QUOTA FOR CITRUS JUICE BY FOURFOLD TO 4,000 TONS.

THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CITRUS TEAM ARE DONALD M. RUBEL, CONSULTANT, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA; WILLIAM K. QUARLES, PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA/ARIZONA CITRUS LEAGUE, VAN NUYS, CALIF.; RUSSELL HANLIN, VICE PRESIDENT OF SUNKIST GROWERS, INC., VAN NUYS, CALIF.; EUGENE SHAMOON, PRESIDENT OF THE PARAMOUNT CITRUS ASSOCIATION, INC., SAN FERNANDO, CALIF.; JAY HOLFORD, PRESIDENT OF THE TEXAS CITRUS EXCHANGE, MISSION, TEXAS; ROBERT EGAN, EXPORT MANAGER OF D-N-E SALES, FORT PIERCE, FLA.; WARREN SAVANT, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA CANNERS ASSOCIATION, WINTER HAVEN, FLA.; AND MARVIN MCNAIR, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE VICE PRESIDENT OF SEALD-SWEET GROWERS, INC., TAMPA, UNCLASSIFIED

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FLA. THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY SPECIALISTS FROM USDA'S FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE AND OFFICIALS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE. VANCE

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